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In re application of

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Katsuaki YAMANOI, et al.

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Sir:

This Response, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated November 12, 2002, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 have been examined. Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e). The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-7 and 10-19 contain allowable subject matter. Also, the Examiner has acknowledged that the final Office Action, dated August 12, 2002, has been withdrawn.